IT'S NO USE! TORAMARU BROKE THE PILLAR, BUT HE'S GOT A CONCUSSION AND LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS!!
HE'S FALLING DOWN INTO THE SEA OF FIRE! TORAMARU!!

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I'M ABOUT TO AVENGE YOU
STAY THERE FOR A WHILE.
I'M IN YOUR DEBT, TORAMARU.
YOUR PARTNER SAVED YOUR LIFE WHEN IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE...
HEH. THANK GOODNESS FOR THAT ...

IN THAT CASE I'LL SHOW YOU..
YOU DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING...
SMOKE. . WORLD. . EXPLODE... FIRE . . COLOR . NOTHING. .
BATTLE . DEATH... UNSEAL . SLASH... DESTROY... COLD . .
RUIN... SOLDIER... SWORD... SWIFT... DARKNESS...

YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR. I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU DIE, RASETSU!!
HA AA AH !!
SO YOU USED THE ULTIMATE CONQUEROR STYLE, PRAYER OF LENGTHENED SPIRIT
I SEE YOU STILL HAD THAT HAND TO PLAY.

DATE WAS BUILDING UP TORAMARU AS A MAN.
DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND ...?
WHAT !?
BUT WHY DIDN'T HE DO THE ENERGY GRAFTING SOONER!?
D-DATE'S INCREDIBLY AMAZING! HE BROKE THE WHITE STEEL CUFFS!!
YEAH! THAT WOULD MEAN TORAMARU WOULDN'T HAVE TO GET HURT!!
HOW COULD HE STOP HIM?
AS HE SAW TORAMARU JUMP INTO THE SEA OF FIRE TO SAVE HIM, EVEN AS HE BURNED, WITHOUT ANY THOUGHT TO HIS OWN DANGER...
HEH... WHAT A MURDEROUS AURA I CAN TELL HOW ANGRY YOU'VE ALREADY BECOME
DATE HARDENED HIS HEART AND ENDURED, SO AS NOT TO WASTE TORAMARU'S FEELINGS!!
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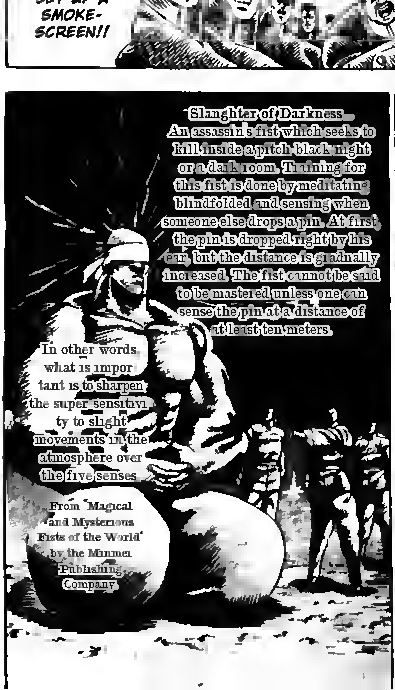
BUT ATOP THESE PILLARS, YOU ARE NO MATCH FOR MY FLYING SQUIRREL STAMEN FIST: AIR-SLIDING KILL!!
MMH !!

THIS IS THE FLYING SQUIRREL STAMEN FIST: SLAUGHTER OF DARKNESS!!

IT'S A SMOKE-SCREEN! RASETSU'S SET UP A SMOKE-SCREEN!!
W-WHAT THE HELL? THE FOREST OF PILLARS IS BEING FILLED WITH A BLACK CLOUD! I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING !!


Slaughter of Darkness
An assassin's fist which seeks to kill inside a pitch black night or a dark room. Training for this fist is done by meditating blindfolded and sensing when someone else drops a pin. At first, the pin is dropped right by his ear, but the distance is gradually increased. The fist cannot be said to be mastered unless one can sense the pin at a distance of at least ten meters.
In other words, what is important is to sharpen the super sensitivity to slight movements in the atmosphere over the five senses.
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SLAUGHTER OF DARKNESS ...!?
HE'S USED A SMOKE-SCREEN FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF DARKNESS... !!
RASETSU OF THE LORDS OF DEATH IS INDEED IMPRESSIVE ...

BUT I CAN FOLLOW YOUR EVERY MOVE.
HEH. YOU CANNOT SEE ME ...

WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING? I'M OVER HERE.
I CAN SENSE A PIN DROPPING IN THE DARKNESS FROM TEN METERS AWAY.

WHEN I COMPLETELY SUPPRESS MY PRESENCE, YOU WILL NOT BE SO LUCKY.
HEH. I'D LOVE TO SAY WELL DONE TO YOU, BUT THAT STRIKE WAS SIMPLY A THREAT.
THIS CHILDISH TRICK WILL NEVER WORK ON ME.
DON'T BE RIDI-CULOUS ...
WE'LL SEE WHEN MY NEXT "CHILDISH TRICK" WILL STRIKE AND PIERCE YOUR CHEST!
HEH. WE'LL SEE ...

YOU' RE MI- NE !!
UGH !!

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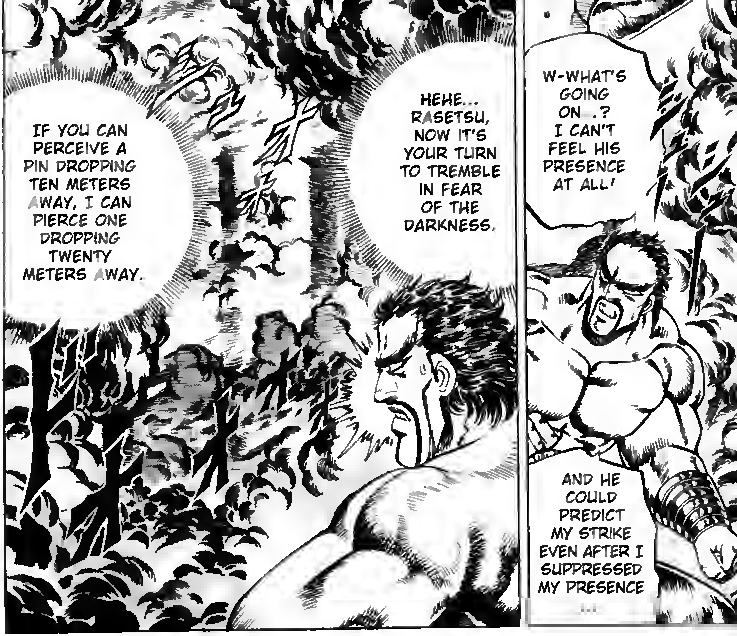
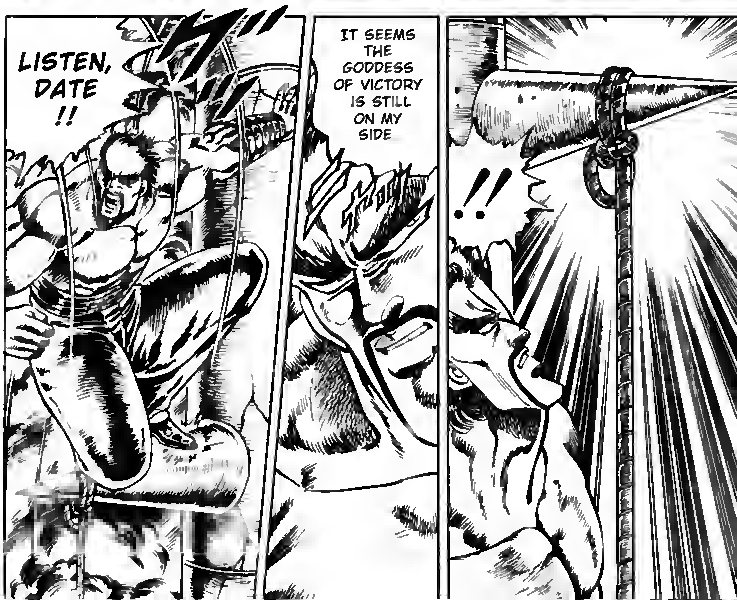

IF YOU CAN PERCEIVE A PIN DROPPING TEN METERS AWAY, I CAN PIERCE ONE DROPPING TWENTY METERS AWAY.
HEHE... RASETSU, NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO TREMBLE IN FEAR OF THE DARKNESS.
W-WHAT'S GOING ON...? I CAN'T FEEL HIS PRESENCE AT ALL!
AND HE COULD PREDICT MY STRIKE EVEN AFTER I SUPPRESSED MY PRESENCE ...

AND HE'S MASTERED IT TO A GREATER LEVEL THAN I HAVE...!!
W-WHAT? H-HE CAN'T USE THE SLAUGHTER OF DARKNESS AS WELL...

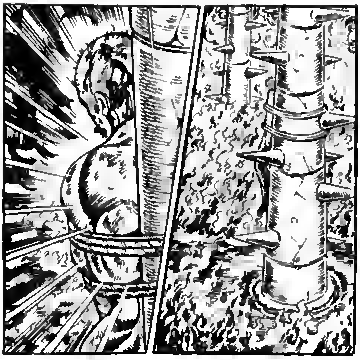
T-THIS IS UNFAIR! COME OUT AND FIGHT!!
W-WHERE ARE YOU !?

UNFAIR ...!? DO YOU REALLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT?
AND WHICH ONE OF US SET UP THIS UNFAIR TRICK, RASETSU ...?
DAM- MIT !!

I-IT'S NO USE! HE'S MORE SKILLED THAN I!
AT THE RATE THIS IS GOING, I'LL GET KILLED!
GUH !!


LISTEN, DATE !!
IT SEEMS THE GODDESS OF VICTORY IS STILL ON MY SIDE
!!

DO IT... DO AS YOU PLEASE.
HEHE.. SO THAT'S AS MUCH OF A MAN YOU ARE ...
SHOW YOURSELF, OR YOUR PARTNER FALLS INTO THE SEA OF FIRE!!
DO YOU SEE THIS!? WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN IF I LOOSEN THIS ROPE HOLDING YOUR PARTNER!?
W-WHAT !?
NNGH !!


W-WHEN DID YOU ...!?

KCH... YOU DON'T KNOW WHO THE GODDESS OF VICTORY WILL SMILE UPON...!!
I'M ON A WHOLE OTHER LEVEL FROM YOU.
I CAN TELL FULL WELL HOW A MAN LIKE YOU THINKS.
THE RUDIMENTS OF BATTLE ARE TO PREDICT AND PREPARE FOR ANY SITUATION.
NNN GH !!

NOT THE GODDESS.. IT WILL BE THE GRIM REAPER THAT SMILES UPON YOU !!
GUA-AAH !!

SAKIGAKE!! OTOKOJUKU

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